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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HAILE SELASSIE, NIMIERI AND KAUNDA TO SEE POPE

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1. ON DEC 19 RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT SUDANESE EMBASSY HAD INFORMED MINISTRY OF NIMIERI DEC 22 AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL AND HAD REQUESTED APPROPRIATE SECURITY ARRANGE-MENTS. SUDANESE EMBASSY REP TOLD ITALIANS THAT OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS WOULD PROBABLY ACCOMPANY NIMIERI, AND HE MENTIONED PRES KAUNDA, BUT NOT REPEAT NOT HIM.
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2. ITALIANS ALSO TOLD US THAT SUDANESE FONMIN KHALID IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ROME TODAY OR TOMORROW IN CONNECTION WITH NIMIERI VISIT. SOURCE SAID THAT SUDANESE HAVE MADE NO REPEAT NO REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS FOR NIMIERI AND KHALID WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTED THAT THERE CERTAINLY WOULD BE CONTACTS BETWEEN ITALIANS AND SUDANESE DURING VISIT. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT HIM AND KAUNDA COULD HARDLY VISIT ROME WITHOUT MAKING AT LEAST COURTESY CALLS ON SENIOR ITALIAN OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH AS YET NO REPEAT NO REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

3. SOURCE SAID THAT BRITISH EMBASSY HAS TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT KHALID AND UAE MIN OF STATE PACHACHI ARE PRESENTLY IN LONDON AND WERE ALSO EXPECTED TO VISIT BONN. OFFICIAL SAID PACHACHI HAD LET IT BE KNOWN LATE LAST WEEK HE WOULD WELCOME AN INVITATION TO VISIT ROME, AND ITALIANS WERE AGREEABLE, BUT HE HAD SINCE INDICATED HE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE TO STOP IN ITALY ON THIS TRIP. VOLPE UNQUOTE RUSH

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